

February 24, 2021

Director Office of Child Care 330 C ST SW, 4th Floor Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana (Tribe) plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

• The Tribe intends to use funds to provide direct services.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

• Contract a professional cleaning company to deep clean the facility.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

• The Tribe intends to use these funds to assist the center with the additional operating cost that has increased since COVID. This will include additional staff to ensure our safety procedures remain in place as well as the need for smaller class sizes.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

• The Tribe has not yet determined how we plan to spend a portion of our CRRSA funds in this area. We need additional guidance to complete planning

5. Other

• The Tribe would like to purchase storage shelves to store cleaning supplies, paper products, etc. In addition, the Tribe would like to purchase PPE for the staff.

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

April Wyatt, Deputy Administrator Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana

cc: Gwendolyn Jones, Regional Program Manager, Office of Child Care, Region 6 Joey Bishop, Program Specialist, Office of Child Care, Region 6